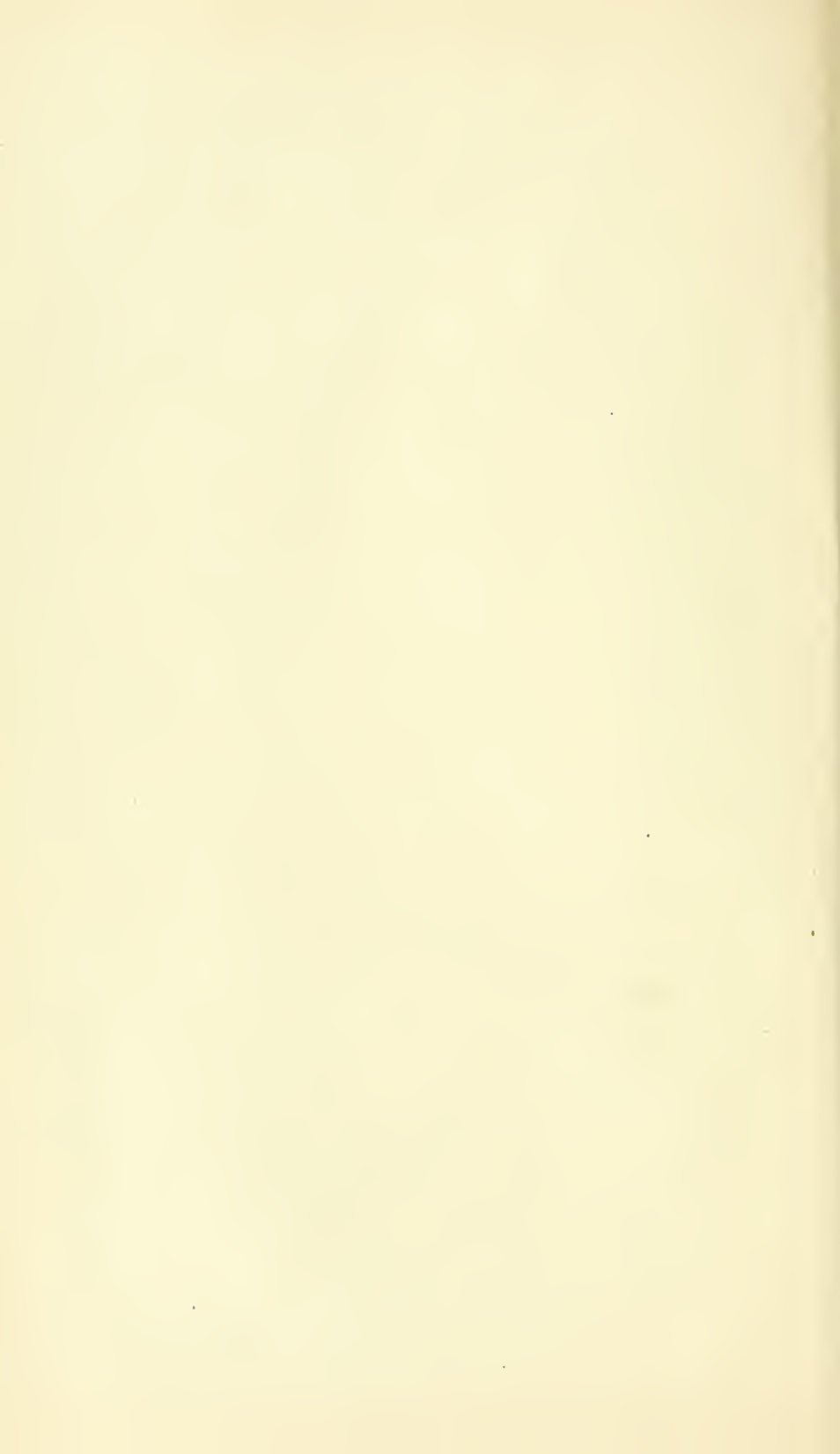




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The history of the Chandler family in its connection with the town of Worcester from the establishment of the county in 1731 to the beginning of the Revolution is like a crop of rich straw, which, though often threshed, yields enough wheat to repay the thresher at each operation. An important discovery which I made in tracing the title of the "down-town farm" of the last John Chandler¹ leads me to present it to this Society. It is like a fly which, having been preserved in amber for one hundred and forty years, is at last set free.

On the establishment of the county of Worcester in 1731 the new public offices which were created were, of course, open to all of its inhabitants, to be filled by such as were deemed most worthy and best equipped. The town of Woodstock, then a part of Massachusetts, but afterwards set off to Connecticut, was included in the new county. In Woodstock dwelt one John Chandler, who, according to William Lincoln, Worcester's first historian, "possessed strong natural powers, with slight advantages of education." He was appointed as the first judge of probate, chief justice of the Court of General Sessions and Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and colonel of the regiment of militia. He resigned as judge of probate in 1740, and was succeeded by Joseph Wilder of Lancaster. He never lived in Worcester; and to distinguish him from his son and grandson, both bearing his name, I choose, when speaking of him, to call him "Woodstock John." He died on Aug. 10, 1743.

¹ See Proceedings of American Antiquarian Society, October, 1901, and a correction in same, October 1907.

The son of the above-named John Chandler, John, Jr.—the subject of this paper—came to Worcester in 1731. He was so closely connected with the affairs of the town and county for thirty-one years until his death that, to distinguish him from his father and his son, I style him “Worcester John.” He was Clerk of Courts from 1731 to 1754, and Judge from 1754 until 1762; Sheriff from 1751 to 1762; County Treasurer from 1731 (probably) to 1757; Register of Deeds and Register of Probate from 1731 to 1757, and Judge of Probate from 1756-7 to 1762. He served for several years on the Board of Selectmen, was Town Treasurer from 1741 to 1752, was almost always Moderator at town meetings, and was for several years Representative to the General Court. He died on Aug. 7, 1762. It would almost seem as if the writer of the comic opera, “The Mikado,” had conceived the character of “Pooh-Bah” from reading the history of Worcester John.

I will not follow here the career of the next John Chandler, “the honest refugee.” It may be gleaned from the pages of Lincoln and of Caleb A. Wall, and from other sources which I have indicated.

In tracing the title of the American Antiquarian Society to the site of its original library building at the southeast corner of Summer and Belmont Streets, I found that while it was originally purchased by Worcester John, it formed a part of the estate of Refugee John at the time when the latter’s property was confiscated by the Commonwealth. I could find no deed from father to son made in the former’s lifetime. To my great surprise, the records of the Probate Court did not show that the estate of Worcester John had ever been probated in this county—a remarkable fact in view of his large holdings of land, and because it seemed probable that he must have acquired a good share of personal property. The will of Woodstock John was duly probated, and the proceedings in reference to the con-

fiseation of Refugee John's estate, and the sale of certain portions thereof, made a considerable addition to the probate archives. It became necessary, therefore, to renew the search in the Registry of Deeds. My search was at last partially rewarded by finding a deed from Sarah Chandler, widow, to her two "sons-in-law" [step-sons], John and Gardiner Chandler, of all the right in her deceased husband's real estate which she might have as her "dower therein by law, and the last will and testament of said deceased."

So there had been a will, but where could it be found? A continued hunt in the Registry of Deeds revealed a deed¹ from Gardiner Chandler to his brother John (the refugee) wherein, in consideration of £506 13s. 6 d., lawful money, he conveys his two-fifths of the homestead estate of their father, containing 190 acres, more or less, and agrees to warrant the same against all persons claiming under him and against the creditors of their father, and against legacies to be paid.

This last deed gave a clue to the hiding-place of the will. It must be looked for among the records of the Supreme Court of Judicature at Boston—and there I found it.

At this point it might be of interest to go into the history of the Probate Court, and to show that while it existed in name from an early period in the various counties, it was but a creation of the Supreme Court and did not have the independent existence which it afterwards acquired. Prior to the arrival of Andros, probate jurisdiction had been exercised by the courts of common law. He introduced a system of forms and proceedings for the probate courts, but retained the control. The Probate Court, as now known, was established.

In the case before us the testator was succeeded as judge

¹ Dated April 4, 1763, in Book 55, page 213.

of probate by his own son, to whom the father gave three-fifths of his real estate. It might be desired to probate the will before the new appointment was made, or at any rate it would not be proper for the son to sit in the case. Nowadays the judge or the register would call in a judge from an adjacent county. At that time the proper thing was to take it to the high court at Boston.

Here follows the will:

THE WILL.

I, John Chandler of Worcester in the County of Worcester and Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Esq^r being in a good degree of health at the writing hereof do make and Ordain this Instrument (all wrote by my own hand) to be my last Will and Testament and whenever it shall please Almighty God to take me from this World (and I know not how soon I may die) I most humbly recommend my Immortal Soul unto him hoping to Obtain Eternal Life and Salvation thro': the alone Merriits of my Saviour Jesus Christ. My body I commit to the Earth by decent burial, believing the Comfortable Doctrine of the Resurrection by the power of God. And as to such Worldy Estate as God has blessed me with I dispose of the same as follows. I Will that my Just debts and Funeral Charges be first paid by my Executors herein after to be named.

I give to my beloved Wife Sarah Chandler (A)¹ One hundred and seventy three pounds six shillings and eight pence Lawful money Value to be paid in money plate and household goods with all the Books she brought me also one bed with all proper furniture of all sorts. Also my riding Chair horse and harness I may leave at my death said Horse to be well kept by my Executors one Year for my said Wife. Also a full compleat suit of mourning and a mourning Ring what I have thus given to my Wife to be in full of all Sorts of Claims on my personal Estate.

I give to my said Wife in Lieu of her Right of Dower or Power of thirds in my Real Estate as follows namely that she be decently and honorably Supported by my Executors for one Year from my decease, and live in my present dwelling house and that my Negro Woman Sylvia (B) serve my said Wife said Year, and be Also supported by my Executors: and from the expiration of said one Year and during her continuing my Widow I order that she be paid at the expiration or end of each Successive six Months forty Spanish Mill'd Dollars or Equivalent in such specie as may pass at the Respective Rates of

¹ For references A, B, C, etc., see notes at end.

payment but if my said Wife shall Marry again that then she have paid her twenty Mill'd Dollars at the end of each Six Months from the time of her Marriage to the time of her death said sums to be paid by my Executors duly and timely but if my said Wife in Lieu of the payments in the above paragraph mentioned choose to hold one-third of my Real Estate for life, she is at her Liberty.

I give to my Daughter Lucretia Chandler (C) and to heirs One hundred and forty pounds lawfull money.

I give to Sarah Paine (D) (Daughter of Nathanael Paine deceased) my Wives Grand Daughter the sum of Eight pounds to be paid her at day of Marriage or Arriving of the Age of twenty one Year which shall first happen, and proper mourning.

I give to Dolly Droun (E) a Grand Daughter of my Wives now with me Eight pounds to be paid her at day of Marriage or arriving to twenty one Years of Age which shall first happen and proper Mourning.

I give to my Grand daughter Dolly Chandler (F) two Silver Porringers both to be of the Value of Six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence.

I Give to my Grand children, the children of my late Dear Daughter Mary Green (G) deceased Children of Benjamin Green of Boston Merchant, Two hundred pounds Lawful money to be divided Equally between them (Saving to Benjamin the Eldest son a double part) and to their legal Representatives to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Esther Clap (H) her heirs and Assignes Two hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Hannah Williams (I) her heirs and Assigns Two hundred pounds Lawfull money to be paid in one Year After my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Lucretia Chandler (J) her heirs and Assigns, Two hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Elizabeth Putnam (K) and to her heirs and Assigns Two hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Katharine Willard (L) her heirs and Assigns Two hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors.

I Give to my Daughter Sarah Paine (M) her heirs and Assigns Two hundred pounds lawfull money to be paid in one Year after my decease by my Executors hereby expressly providing that Sixty six pounds thirteen shillings and four pence part thereof be applied towards giving my Grandson William Paine (N) Eldest son of my said Daughter Sarah a College Education if he lives and will Learn but if he refuse such Education then said sum with the Interest be

paid him on his arriving to the age of twenty one Years, and I order said sum to be under the Government of his Father my son in Law Timothy Paine, and I recommend his Education to him, but if my said Grandson dies before he arrives to the age aforesaid that in such case what I have given him revert to his Mother her heirs and Assigns.

I Give unto my good Friend the Rev^d M^r Thaddeus Maccarty a good Mourning Ring.

And in case my said Dear Wife shall dwell in Worcester my Will and pleasure is that my Negro Sylvia aforesaid serve her mistress during her continuing my Widow.

And in order to Enable my sons John Chandler (O) jun^r & Gardiner Chandler whom I constitute and appoint Executors of this my last Will and Testament and the Survivors of them to fulfill and perform all and every the Articles and clauses aforementioned and for paying my Just debts funeral Charges and Legacies and bequests of every Sort nothing excepted, I give to them my said Sons and to their Respective heirs and Assigns all my Estate Real and personal whatsoever and wheresoever of every sort kind or denomination nothing excepted (Excepting one third of my Wearing Apparrell of all sorts which I give to my Grandsons the children of my Daughter Sarah) and my Will and express mind and pleasure is that whatever remains of my Estate after my Just debts funeral Charges Legacies and Bequests as aforesaid are paid that the same be divided between my two Sons their heirs and assigns in the following proportion viz^t that my son John his heirs and Assigns hold and Enjoy three-fifths thereof, and my son Gardiner his heirs and Assigns Two fifth parts thereof, And Whereas I received of M^r Simpson of Boston One hundred thirty three pounds, six shillings and eight pence for Land my said Wife sold him lying in Boston, thirteen pounds six shillings and eight pence part thereof was by her desire paid to her Daughter Sarah Drown, a like sum to my son John Chandler who married her Daughter and a like sum to her son Samuel Clarke Paine now deceased, I therefore my Executors in convenient time to pay the remaining part of said sum being Ninety three pounds, six shillings and eight pence, with Interest from my decease till paid, to my said Dear Wife her heirs or Assigns. I gave my said Wife a small Writing relating to the same which is to be void on the above sum being paid, this last sum of Ninety three pounds six shillings and eight pence is to be paid out of my Estate before my sons come to a Division. And I Subject my Real Estate to all the payments and Legacies aforementioned, as well my said sons.

And Whereas I have demands on several persons whose Lands are made over to me¹ for sums of money by me advanced I do hereby fully Impower my Executors or the Survivor of them to adjust in Equity the same with all persons concern'd and to Execute proper

¹ I. e., in mortgage.

and due discharges or acquittances for that purpose, and I expect a punctual compliance with this my mind.

And finally I ratify and confirm this Instrument and this only to be my last Will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this tenth day of November in Thirty third Year of his Majesty's Reign, Anno Dom: 1759.

The words in the first page (from my decease) between the 19th and 20th lines and the words (part thereof) between the fourth and lines from the bottom of the second page, and the letters (ing) between the 12th and 13th lines of the third page all Interlined before Signing &c.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced and
declared by John Chandler the Testator to be his last
Will & Testament in presence of us Witnesses (P).

her
JANE + RICKY
mark

JOHN CHANDLER & a Seal.

WM SWAN July 14: 1761 I delivered my Daughter Lucretia
SAMUEL BRIDGE Chandler forty pounds part of the within Legacy of
WILLIAM JORDAN One hundred and forty pounds, and in October 6: 1701
JAMES BLACK £106. by Webbs Security.

ATTR. JOHN CHANDLER.

October 29th, 1761, 1761 I Advanced Twenty seven pounds, six shillings and eight pence in all one hundred and seventy three pounds 6s/8d being £33. 6. 8 towards her last Legacy.

J. CHANDLER.

Worcester ss That on the tenth day of September Anno Domini 1762. Then the within Instrument purporting the last Will & Testament of the Hon^{ble} John Chandler Esq^r late of Worcester deceased; was presented for Probate before Us the Subscribers by John Chandler and Gardiner Chandler Executors therein named then present Jane Ricky, William Swan and Samuel Bridge three of the Witnesses thereto, who made Oath, That they saw the Testator sign, Seal, and heard him declare the said Instrument to be his last Will and Testament, and that they with William Jordan and James Black Subscribed their names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof in the Testators presence; And that he was then (to the best of their Judgment) of Sound and disposing Mind.

ARTEMAS WARD [Q]
JOSIAH BREWER

CODICIL.

Whereas I John Chandler of Worcester in the County of Worcester &c. Esq^r having on the tenth day of November A. D. 1759 made and executed an Instrument purporting my last Will and Testament in and by which my two Sons John Chandler jun^r and Gardiner Chand-

ler the Executors of my said last Will and Testament are to pay (among other Legacies) therein bequested to my Daughters therein expressed and Named Two hundred pounds to each of them &c. the Legacy to my Daughter Sarah Paine having an exception in that part thereof is applied or set apart for the Education of her son William as by my said Will appears. And Whereas in and by my said last Will and Testament I gave to my Grand children the children of my late Daughter deceased viz^t Mary the late Wife of Mr. Benjamin Green of Boston the sum of Two hundred pounds like money to be divided among them as is therein mentioned which amount to fourteen hundred pounds and by my Will is to be paid in one Year after my decease which sums may be very difficult to Raise by that time, as there are divers other sums to be raised by my said Executors, Therefore my mind and Will is that my said Executors have three Years to pay said Legacies, Amounting to said sum of fourteen hundred pounds viz^t one third part in one Year one third part in two Year and one third part in three Year from my decease with Lawfull Interest for the last third part for one Year only and further my mind and Will is that if my son in Law Timothy Paine Esq^r and my Daughter Sarah Paine his Wife incline to have my Negro boy (Worcester) (R) they may for fifty three pounds Lawfull money in part of her Legacy and towards the first third part thereof desiring whoever has him he may be Treated with humanity & Tenderness and at as little distance from his Mother as may well be, and I desire their Spiritual good may be promoted. And Whereas I have given to my Dear Wife the Service of my Negro Woman during her continuing my Widow and dwelling in Worcester, I also order my said Negro woman to have a proper bed and bedding to ly on said time.

And Finally it is my Express Will and pleasure that what is aforewritten be accounted deemed understood and taken as part of my last Will and Testament to all Intents and purposes faithfully to be complied with by my Executors, as I establish this as a Codicil to my last Will and Testament aforesaid or by what other name it may be called.

In Testament whereof I have set my hand and Seal this 10th day of March A. D. 1761.—

Signed Sealed pronounced &

declared by the said J. Chandler as

a part of his Last Will & Testa-

ment or Codicil thereto in presence of us JOHN CHANDLER & a Seal

THOMAS WHEELER

LUKE BROWN

DAVID EARLL

Worcester ss that on the tenth day of September Anno Domⁱ 1762 the foregoing Instrument purporting part of the last Will and Testament of the Hon^{ble} John Chandler Esq^r late of Worcester deceased was presented for Probate before us the Subscribers by John Chand-

ler and Gardiner Chandler Executors of his last Will and Testament then present Thomas Wheeler Luke Brown and David Earll the Witnesses thereto who made Oath that they the Testator Sign, Seal, and heard him Publish and declare this Instrument to be part of his last Will and Testament and that they Subscribed their names together as Witnesses to the Execution thereof, In the Testators presence and that he was then (to the best of their Judgment) of Sound disposing Mind

Signed { ARTEMAS WARD
 { JOSIAH BREWER

Province of Massachusetts Bay.

At a Supreme Court of Probate held by his Excellency the Governor with the Council or Assistants at the Council Chamber in Boston on the fifteenth day of September A: D 1762

The within and before written Instrument purporting the last Will and Testament of John Chandler late of Worcester in the County of Worcester Esq^r deceased and Codicil thereto being exhibited to this Court for Probate and the Witnesses whose names are thereunto subscribed, having been sworn in due form as set forth in the annexed Certificates. The said Instruments are by said Court approved and allowed as the last Will and Testament of the said deceased and Codicil thereto; and Administration thereof and of his Estate is committed to John Chandler and Gardiner Chandler Esq^{rs} the Executors therein named well and faithfully to execute the said Will and to Administer the said Estate according thereto.

A. OLIVER, Acting Register.

THE EXECUTOR'S BOND.

Know all Men by these presents that We John Chandler and Gardiner Chandler both of Worcester in the County of Worcester Esq^{rs} and Timothy Ruggles of Hardwick in said County Esq^r and all within his Majesty's Province of Massachusetts Bay in New England, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged to Andrew Oliver Esq^r Secretary of the Province aforesaid and acting Register of the Supreme Court of Probate within the same, and for and in behalf of the said Court, in the full and just sum of Three Thousand pounds (£) lawful money of the Province aforesaid to be paid unto the said Andrew Oliver, his Successors in the said Office, his or their Assigns, to the payment whereof We bind ourselves, and each of us, each of our heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns, firmly by these Presents, Sealed with our Seals, dated at Boston the sixteenth day of September Anno Domini 1762, and the second Year of his Majesty's Reign

The Condition of this Obligation is such that if the above bounden John Chandler and Gardiner Chandler Esq^{rs} Executors of the last Will and Testament of their late Father the Hon^{ble} John Chandler Esq^r late of Worcester aforesaid deceased, do pay or cause to be paid

all the Just debts and Legacies of their said Testator, and also shall render a just and true Accompt of their Administration upon Oath, when lawfully required so to do. Then this Obligation to be void, Otherwise to remain in full Force.

Signed Sealed & Deliv^d in presence of
WM BAKER
JN^o COTTON

JOHN CHANDLER & a Seal
GARD^r CHANDLER & a Seal
TIM^o RUGGLES & a Seal

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK SS

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

I, John Noble, Clerk of said Court, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the record *in re* John Chandler's Will, contained in "Probate Records—1760—1830—Vol. I." page 16 to page 22 inclusive;—said volume being among the records of said Court, now in the Clerk's Office.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court this seventh day of February, A. D. 1902.

JOHN NOBLE, Clerk

(Seal)

Copy of Will &c. Allowed in Supreme Court of Probate Sept. 15, 1762.

This copy filed with Probate Records of Worcester County Feb'y 20, 1902.

GEORGE H. HARLOW, Register

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(A) The testator's first wife was Hannah Gardiner of Gardiner's Island, which lies to the south of New London between Montauk and Greenport. She was the mother of his nine children, all but one of whom survived their father and were remembered in his will. His second wife, Sarah, was the widow of Nathaniel Paine, who came to Worcester from Bristol, R. I., in 1738 and built the house still standing behind two elm trees on the west side of Lincoln street. Of the children of Nathaniel and Sarah Paine a daughter Dorothy became the wife of John Chandler; another daughter, Sarah, married Thomas Droune. Their son Timothy became famous in Worcester annals. Another son, Nathaniel, had a daughter Sarah.

(B) The "negro woman Sylvia" was a slave. She continued to live with the testator's family descendants until May, 1804, when she died at the age of 105 years.¹ Probably few of the present inhabitants of Worcester are conscious of the fact that slaves were once held here. The number was not large, however, and they were treated generally like the hired servants, often sitting at table with their masters "in the true style of republican equality." The whole number in the State at any one time did probably not exceed 4500.²

¹ Lincoln's History of Worcester, p. 313.

² See a paper by Charles Deane, LL.D., on "The Connection of Massachusetts with the Slave Trade and with Slavery," in Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, Oct. 1886.

(C) Lucretia Chandler, the seventh child, appears to have been a favorite, for her several legacies amounted to £340, of which her father had advanced a little more than one-half at the time of his death.

(D) See (A).

(E) Daughter of Thomas Droune. See (A).

(F) Dolly, or Dorothy Chandler, daughter and fourth child of Refugee John, married Col. Samuel Ward of Lancaster.

(G) Mary was the oldest child of the testator.

(H) Esther, the second child, married the Rev. Thomas Clapp of Taunton.

(I) Hannah, the sixth child, married John Williams of Roxbury.

(J) Lucretia. See (C). Married Col. John Murray of Rutland. He was a native of Ireland, and became one of the most prominent and influential men of Rutland. He represented the town in the General Court for twenty years in succession, but when he accepted the office of Mandamus Counsellor, he was driven from the town, and all his real estate was confiscated except one farm, which was retained for a loyal son.

(K) Elizabeth, the eighth child, married James Putnam, the last Attorney-General of this Province under the crown (*vide* Lincoln's History, p. 227). He died a refugee in New Brunswick in 1786.

(L) Katharine, the youngest child, married Levi Willard of Lancaster.

(M) Sarah, the fifth child, married Timothy Paine, son of testator's widow by her first husband, Nathaniel Paine. Our associate, the Nathaniel Paine of today, is great-grandson of this Timothy and Sarah. The story of her encounter at repartee with John Adams, then a schoolmaster in Worcester and afterwards President of the United States, has often been told. It may be found on page 80 in Wall's "Reminiscences of Worcester."

(N) For the story of William Paine, see Lincoln's History, page 255, etc.

(O) John and Gardiner Chandler were the only two sons of the testator, whose desire to keep all his real estate in the family name is apparent. To John the elder and his namesake he gave three-fifths and to Gardiner two-fifths. They made a speedy settlement with their mother for her rights; for we find her quitclaim deed to them made and executed on the same day that the will was presented for probate.¹

1 KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS

that I Sarah Chandler of Worcester in the County of Worcester widow in consideration that my two sons in law John Chandler & Gardiner Chandler both of Worcester aforesaid Esqs. Excors to ye last will and testament of my late husband John Chandler Esq. late of Worcester decd. have given me a bond conditioned to pay me the sum of fifteen Pounds from and after ye first day of May next at ye end of every six months during the term of my natural life so in that proportion for any part of said six months if I should die before the same shall be completed

(P) Of the witnesses to the will Samuel Bridge was a man prominent in town affairs, holding some of the minor offices for many years. The others are unknown to fame. Probably some of them were servants of the testator.

The witnesses to the codicil were all men of standing in the community.

(Q) It appears that the will and codicil were first presented for probate before Artemas Ward and Josiah Brewer. Mr. Ward had just been appointed a judge of the Court of Sessions, and in this capacity apparently took first cognizance of the matter, but having no further authority sent it up to the high court. I do not find that Josiah Brewer held any judicial office, although he is one of the few men who were always styled Esquire in the town records. Thus in March, 1757, "Mr." Samuel Mower, Josiah Brewer, "Esq.," and "Capt." James Goodwin were appointed a committee to settle accounts with the Town Treasurer. In March, 1760, Mr. Brewer was chosen a member of the committee to draft a plan for a new meeting-house. His name in the records appears for the last time in July, 1768, when he was allowed his bill for plans sold to the town. Lincoln gives him the title of Colonel, and says he was the first settler of the town of Cummington in Hampshire County. In the Gazetteer of Massachusetts, edited by Rev. Elias Nason, it is said that the first settler was a Mr. McIntire from Scotland, who moved there in 1770. Probably the two men moved there about the same time. Judge Ward was afterwards appointed by Congress as first of the major-generals created in 1775, and was chief commander of the American army besieging Boston until the arrival of Washington.

I do therefore by these presents for myself my heirs Executors and Admors remise release and forever quitclaim unto the said John Chandler and Gardiner Chandler their heirs & assigns forever all my right title and interest of in to all and every part of the said deceased's real estate wheresoever it may lye, that I might enjoy during life as my dower therein by law and the last will & testament of sd deceased.

T O H A V E and **T O H O L D** the same to them the said John and Gardiner Chandler their heirs and assigns forever, debaring myself from all claim thereto only reserving unto myself the liberty of living & being maintained in the present mansion house agreeable to said will until the first day of May next at which time I engage to remove out of said house.

As witness my hand and seal this tenth day of Septr. A. D. 1762.

Signed sealed and delivered

in presence of us

Thomas Chandler

Timo. Paine

Sarah Chandler (seal)

Worcester ss.

Septr. 10th 1762.

Mrs Sarah Chandler acknowledged this instrument to be her free act & Deed.

Coram Timo. Paine, Just. Pais.

Reed Octr. 31st 1765 & accordingly Entered & Exam'd

Pr Timo. Paine, Regr.

Worcester, ss. A true copy of Record, recorded with Worcester District Deeds, Book 55, Page 206.

Attest:

DANIEL KENT,

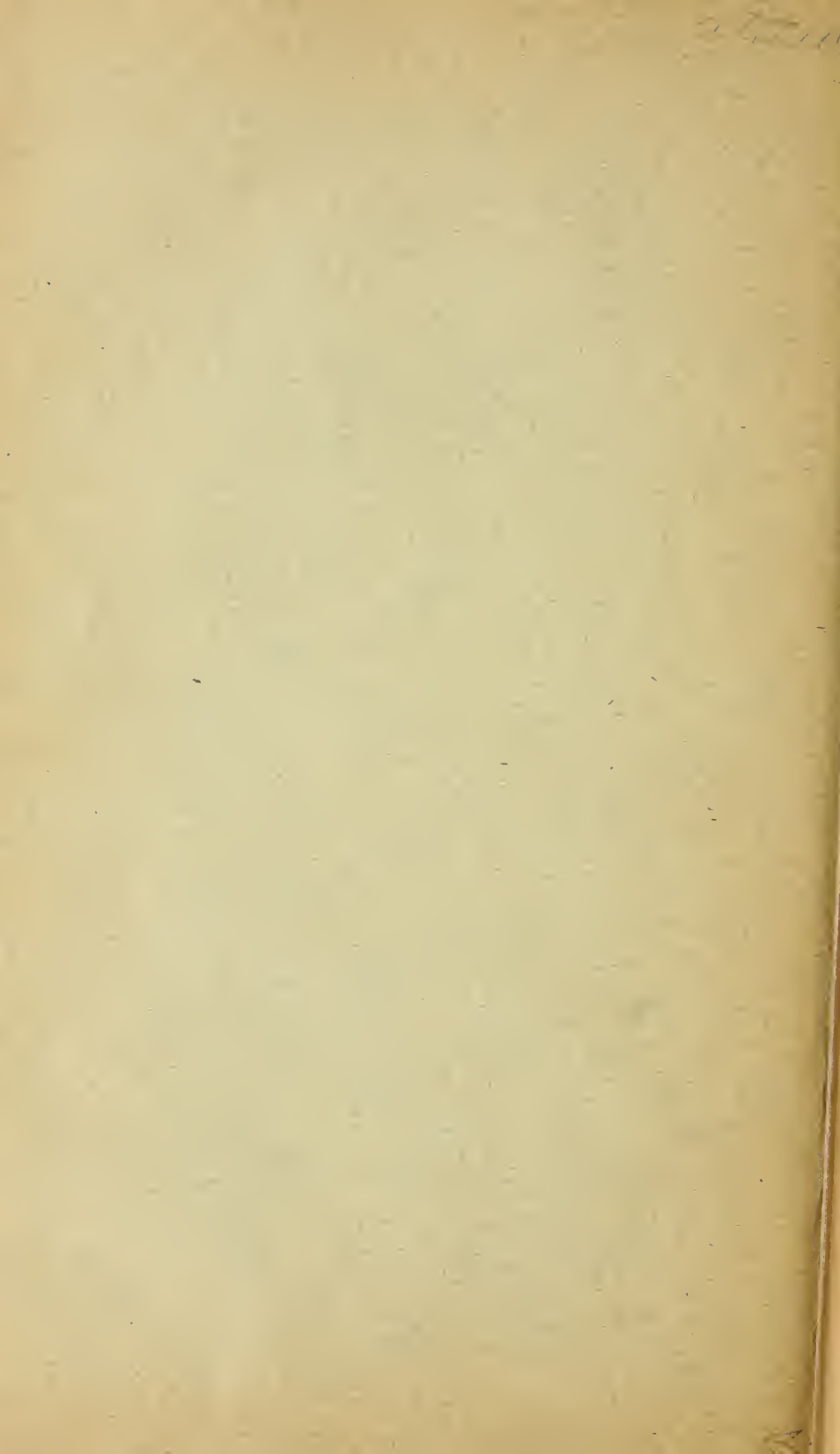
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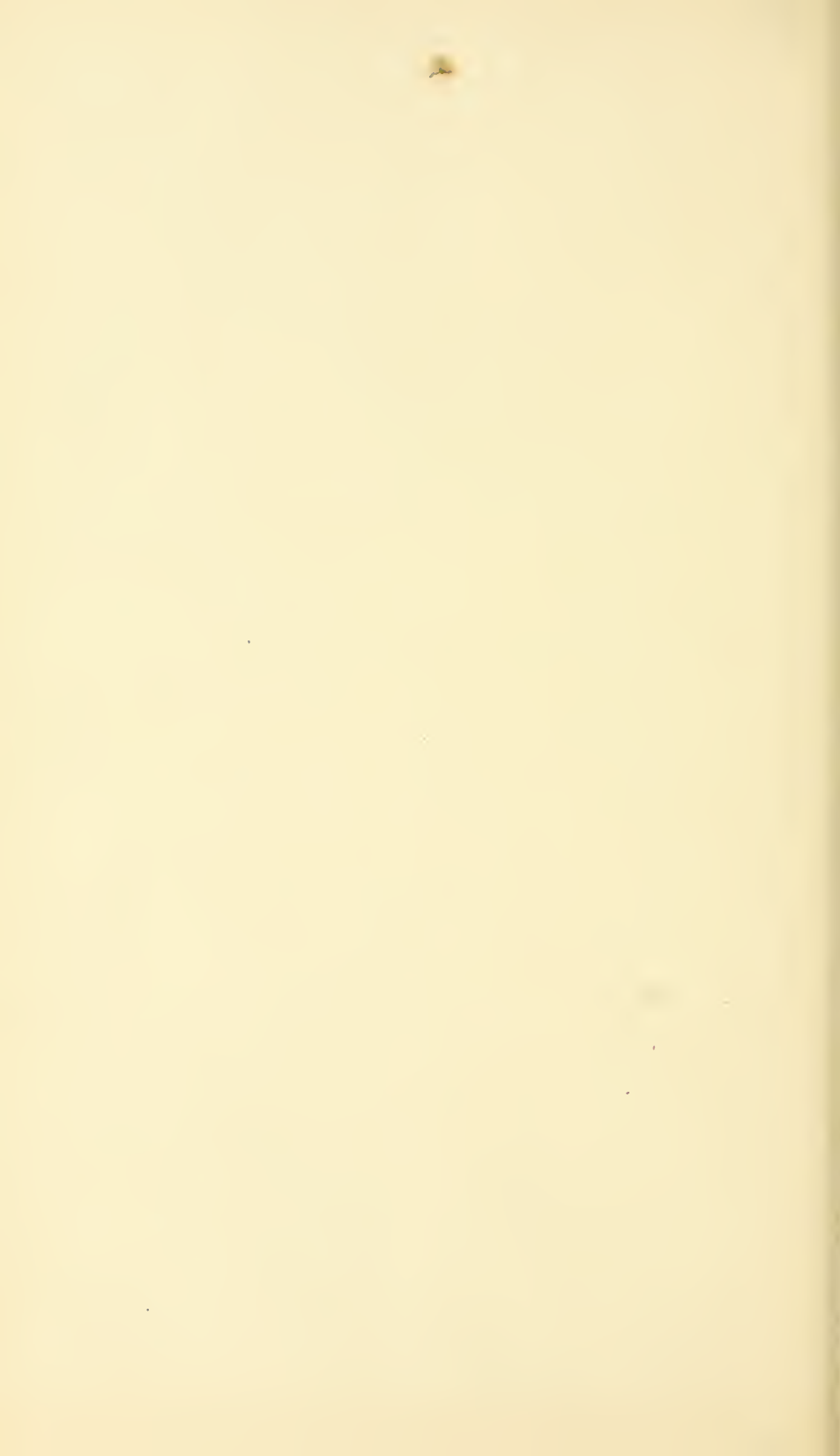
(R) The proviso for the transfer of the negro boy Worcester to Timothy and Sarah Paine for £53 in part of legacy of course constituted a sale. It is evident that the "boy" was son of the woman Sylvia, who was then more than sixty years old. The title of boy was used, as at the south, for a male in servitude of whatever age.

(S) The penal sum of £3000 mentioned in the bond seems small, but it was only to secure payment of the legacies, which were less than that amount. Timothy Ruggles, the co-surety, was as prominent a citizen of Hardwick as John Murray was of Rutland. He was a mandamus counsellor, and, like nearly all the men who were intimate with the Chandlers up to the time of the Revolution, was a loyalist and a refugee.

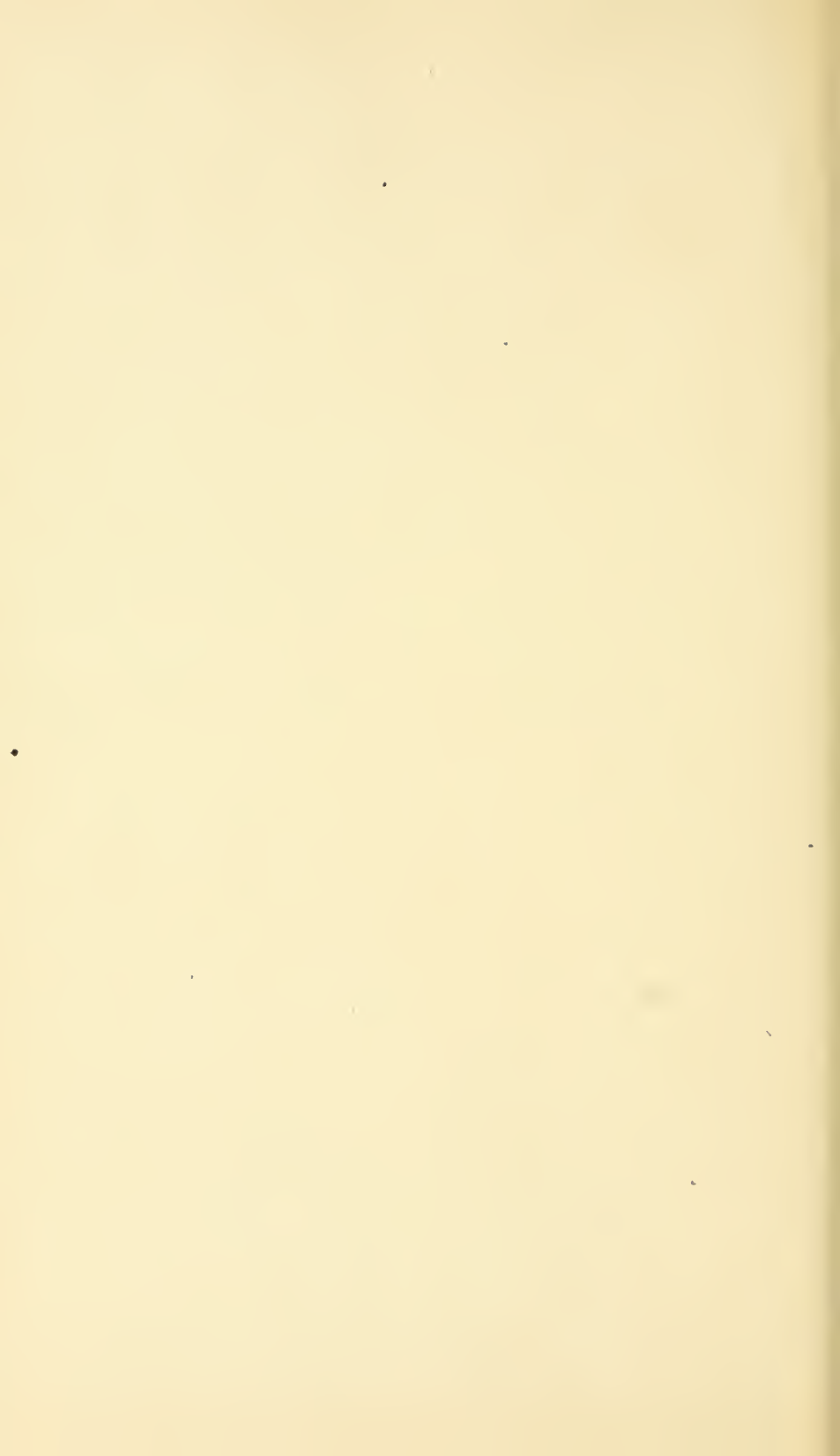
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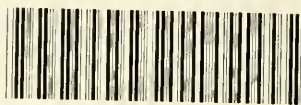








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